

wrapping at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film against and around the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body with the belt/belt sleeve on a support;

and

vulcanizing the belt/belt sleeve with the at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film wrapped around the belt/belt sleeve body.

(Please rewrite claim 11 in independent form as follows:

11. (rewritten) [The] A method of treating a power transmission belt/belt sleeve [according to claim 1] of the type having an endless body with a length extending around an axis and a radially inwardly facing surface and a radially outwardly facing surface, said method comprising the steps of:

wrapping at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film against and around the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body with the belt/belt sleeve on a support;
and

vulcanizing the belt/belt sleeve with the at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film wrapped around the belt/belt sleeve body,

wherein the belt/belt sleeve body has axially spaced, axially facing ends which join to the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body at first and second corners and further including the step of applying a sealing material in addition to the vapor-impervious film at at least one of the first and second corners prior to vulcanizing the belt/belt sleeve.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (amended) A treating system comprising:

a support;

a belt/belt sleeve having an endless body [with] on the support, the body having a length extending around an axis and a radially inwardly facing surface and a radially outwardly facing surface;

at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film against and extending around the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body; and

a vulcanizing vessel in which the belt/belt sleeve with the at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film thereon resides and in which a vulcanization process can be carried out.

Please rewrite claim 18 in independent form as follows:

18. (rewritten) [The] A treating system [according to claim 14] comprising:

a support;

a belt/belt sleeve having an endless body on the support, the body having a length extending around an axis and a radially inwardly facing surface and a radially outwardly facing surface;

at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film against and extending around the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body; and

a vulcanizing vessel in which the belt/belt sleeve with the at least one sheet of vapor-impervious film thereon resides and in which a vulcanization process can be carried out.

wherein the belt/belt sleeve body has axially spaced, axially facing ends which join to the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body at first and second corners and the treating system further comprises a sealing material which is applied over the vapor-impervious film at at least one of the first and second corners.

(Please add new claims 23-26 as follows)

--23. The treating system according to claim 14 wherein the radially outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body has an axial length and the sheet of vapor-impervious film has a width that is greater than the axial length of the outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body.

24. The treating system according to claim 14 wherein there are 2-4 layers of vapor-impervious film over the outwardly facing surface of the belt/belt sleeve body.

25. The treating system according to claim 14 wherein the vapor-impervious film is a synthetic resin film.